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FOR: GENERAL HAIG

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER HK

Thank you for most interesting cable which has many useful ideas.

However, political initiative as you describe it should be handled in special channel in Paris as U.S. initiative. Publicity would kill it. It must not be surfaced with Thieu though general idea of meeting may be.

Also I do not believe your particular proposal on troops withdrawals will fly Lee in present mood. We need some alternative schemes though I will keep your recommendation alive. Please be sure to develop some options.

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(All times local)

Sunday	**March 14**	**7:30 p.m.**	**Depart Andrews**
Tuesday	**March 16**	**8:00 a.m.**	**Arrive Saigon**
Wednesday	**March 17**	**8:00 a.m.**	**Depart Saigon for Phnom Penh**
Wednesday	**March 17**	**5:00 p.m.**	**Depart Phnom Penh for Saigon**
Thursday	**March 18**	**8:00 a.m.**	**Depart for I Corps**
Friday	**March 19**	**10:00 a.m.**	**Depart for Saigon**
Saturday	**March 20**	**5:00 p.m.**	**Depart Saigon**
Saturday	**March 20**	**11:00 a.m.**	**Arrive Hawaii**
Sunday	**March 21**	**9:00 a.m.**	**Depart Hawaii**
Sunday	**March 21**	**11:00 p.m.**	**Arrive Washington**

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